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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 June 2006.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on 08 June 2006 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2.) Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3.) Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>06/08/2006</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Antonini, Patent No.: 5,898,778 (hereinafter Antonini).

Referring to claims 1 and 12, Antonini teaches a method of de-activating an application (3) or a device (i), the method comprising:

receiving activation codes (20) [abstract; the device takes a computer program/activation code],

carrying out a check, for each activation code, whether the code was received in a predetermined order and within a certain time period [abstract; the device/monostable element carry out a check], and

de-activating the application or the device if the check fails [abstract, 1:34-53; after the validity expires, the software/the application deactivated].

Referring to claim 2, Antonini teaches, wherein the application controls the device itself **[abstract and 1:8-14]**.

Referring to claims 3 and 13, Antonini teaches, further being arranged for receiving the activation codes by reading at least one token (2) **[abstract and 1:34-53]**.

Referring to claim 4, Antonini teaches, wherein each token (2) contains a single activation code (20) **[abstract and 1:34-53]**.

Referring to claim 5, Antonini teaches, wherein the token (2) is re-writable **[1:34-53]**.

Referring to claims 6 and 14, Antonini teaches, wherein the token (2) is an optical information carrier, preferably an SFFO disc **[1:34-53]**.

Referring to claim 7, Antonini teaches, wherein the activation codes (20) are constituted by strings of alphanumeric characters each comprising a serial number and/or a version number **[1:14-23]**.

Referring to claim 8, Antonini teaches, wherein the application is a software application executed by the device **[abstract and 1:34-53]**.

Referring to claim 9, Antonini teaches, the toy preferably comprising an artificial pet [abstract].

Referring to claim 10, Antonini teaches, a mobile telephone comprising a device (1) according to claim 1 [abstract].

Referring to claim 11, Antonini teaches, an optical information carrier (2) for use in a device (1) according to claim 1 [1:34-53; smart card equates an optical information carrier].

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to YONAS BAYOU whose telephone number is (571)272-7610. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f, 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on 571-272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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